

## Negotiations Nearing Climax?

# Peace Talk Pace Quickens

PARIS (AP) — The pace quickened in the Vietnam cease-fire negotiations today with two subcommittee meetings in the morning and another session between Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho in the afternoon.

Despite the continuing official news blackout, the subcommittee meetings to discuss details of a cease-fire agreement seemed to indicate the negotiations between Kissinger and Tho were nearing a climax.

French dispatches from Peking said Premier Chou En-lai told newsmen Monday: "An agreement could be signed in Paris in the next two or three days."

The higher ranking subcommittee included William J. Porter, the chief U.S. delegate at the four-party Paris peace talks; William Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of state for

Southeast Asian affairs; Xuan Thuy, North Vietnam's chief delegate at the weekly peace talks, and Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach.

The other subcommittee was made up of technical experts. Kissinger and Tho met for four hours Monday, beginning and ending with the usual broad smiles and cordial handshakes. It was their 13th meeting since they began three weeks ago to revise the cease-fire agreement they drafted in October.

In Saigon, President Nguyen Van Thieu proposed the release of all prisoners of war on both sides, the observance of the annual Christmas cease-fire and separate negotiations during the cease-fire between his government and the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong to work out a peace agreement and political settlement. He said the cease-fire could be extended as

long as the Communists were willing to observe it.

Thieu said that, as an expression of good will, his government would unconditionally release 1,015 North Vietnamese on the first day of the Christmas cease-fire.

The South Vietnamese president also repeated his persistent demand that all North Vietnamese troops withdraw from South Vietnam. This time he said that the South Vietnamese army would demobilize as many troops as the North Vietnamese withdraw.

Western political observers in Saigon predicted that Hanoi would reject or ignore the proposal, as it has similar Saigon plans in the past. Some South Vietnamese legislators said they found nothing new in Thieu's offer.



**PROPOSES CEASE-FIRE:** South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu urges Tuesday in an address to the South Vietnamese legislature in Saigon that a cease-fire be declared in Indochina before Christmas and continued indefinitely while peace talks are held. The South Vietnamese leader also proposed the release of all prisoners of war before Christmas. (AP Wirephoto)

# Moon Is Geologic 'Paradise'

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In the valley of Taurus-Littrow, a gray geologic wonder dotted with auto-sized boulders, two Americans rested on the moon today. Tonight they search a lunar landscape for perhaps the most

ancient rocks ever seen.

Astronauts Eugene A. Cernan and Harrison H. Schmitt slept late in their craft, Challenger. They were boned from a near-perfect lunar landing and nearly seven hours setting up a sophisticated

scientific camp and scouting the surrounding terrain.

Tonight, the 11th and 12th — and perhaps last — men to visit the moon in this century, will drive their electric-powered car, Rover, to a mountain slide on the South Massif which

spilled rock debris across the valley in some ancient time.

There, they hope to find rocks created in the process by which the moon was formed and shaped, material dating perhaps to lunar beginnings 4.6 billion years ago.

Overhead, alone aboard the command ship America, the third Apollo spaceman, Ronald E. Evans, also rested. Tonight he will operate an array of science instruments and cameras which study the moon from orbit.

In one of the most accurate moon landings ever achieved, Cernan and Schmitt brought Challenger to rest only 300 feet from their aiming point.

A few hours later, Cernan, then Schmitt, climbed down a ladder to start the first of three surface excursions which will cover more than 20 miles of the moon's surface. They will collect some 200 pounds of rock.

When Cernan first planted his foot on the moon, he said solemnly, "I'd like to dedicate the first step of Apollo 17 to all those who made it possible."

Then, like children in an unbelievably exciting playground, Cernan and Schmitt frolicked, laughing and singing and gliding with tip-toe freedom in the light lunar gravity.

"I'm out here. Oh, my golly. Unbelievable! Unbelievable!" shouted Cernan.

"We've got a different breed of rock up here," said Schmitt, a Harvard-trained geologist and the first American scientist in space. "This is a geologist's paradise if I ever saw one."

They unloaded the little lunar rover and turned on a television camera, giving Mission Control the first view on earth of Taurus-Littrow.

The valley was everything and more than they had expected. Boulders larger than panel trucks, coated with glass and pitted from the impact of meteorites, choked the valley

floor like icebergs floating on a gray, dead sea. They saw glass sparkling in craters and looked long at the mountains, which appeared soft, as though covered with fur.

The floor was rolling and pocked with craters of all sizes, including a shallow one in which rested one leg of the sturdy Challenger.

Quickly, the spacemen (See back page, sec. 1, col. 2)



**WATCHING HER MAN ON THE MOON:** Mrs. Barbara Cernan, wife of Apollo 17 commander Eugene A. Cernan, clasps her hands as she watched the telecast

from the moon in the Cernan home near the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas Monday night. (AP Wirephoto)

## Taxpayers Flood State Capitol

# Citizens Protest Florida Junket

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Hundreds of irate taxpayers are mulling over explanations today they forced from several lawmakers at a demonstration at the State Capitol Monday night over a \$16,000 legislative junket to Miami Beach which some skeptics said produced more heat than light.

"The hide you tan belongs to us," said a placard waved by one of the estimated 500, mostly middle-aged, protesting taxpayers.

The taxpayers didn't seem to

miss a nook or cranny of the old Capitol Building as they snaked through hallways, up and down stairwells and around the replica of the Liberty Bell. They were warned at one point that they would be ejected from the House balcony if they didn't quiet down.

"They're no trouble," said Lt. William Carter, head of the State Police Capitol security force.

"These people are just here for a good, legitimate protest."

The protestors "are not hard-

line demonstrators. These are everyday taxpayers," Carter said.

Observers at the Miami Beach conference reported that many of the 38 Michigan legislators, including some lame ducks, did not bother attending any of the meetings. Some reportedly left the beaches and bars just long enough to drop in on an occasional seminar.

Sen. John MacCauley, D-Grosse Ile, confronted the crowd which chanted, "The sun's always fun, isn't it, senator?" and asked him how many secretaries accompanied lawmakers on the trip.

MacCauley, who met the group in a hallway, said he thought the trip was worthwhile and added, "I don't believe any secretaries went along."

MacCauley's wife accompanied him to Florida. But he explained in a speech to the Senate, "They talk about \$500 for me and my wife. When the bills are submitted, the only expenses listed will be for me."

He said he and Sen. John

Bowman, D-Roseville, went to Miami Beach to present an anti-busing resolution to the conference.

The "taxpayers revolt" was spearheaded by Jerry Blakslee, 29, an auto worker at Lansing's Oldsmobile plant, who got a half hour audience with Senate Republican Leader Robert VanderLaan of Kentwood.

VanderLaan told Blakslee, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

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**HITS BOY, THEN BUILDING:** Car came to rest against Medical Science building at 756 Pipestone street after running over 10-year-old boy Monday afternoon. Car also hit two other cars, two poles, and fire hydrant in Benton Harbor. Driver was charged with felonious driving and driving under influence of intoxicants. Impact of car cracked front window in building. (Staff photo)

# Car Runs Wild; BH Boy Injured

A 10-year-old boy, walking home from school yesterday afternoon, was injured seriously when a car jumped the curb and ran over him, and then continued on and smashed into a building in Benton Harbor.

Timothy Thompson, of 797 Pipestone street, was listed in "serious" condition this morning in the intensive care unit at Mercy hospital. Hospital

officials said he sustained a broken leg, cuts, and bruises.

Lodged in the county jail on charges of felonious driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants was the driver of the car, Frank Allen, 58, of 358 Vineyard street, Benton Harbor.

Benton Harbor police said Timothy was injured at 3:23 p.m., in the 700 block of

Pipestone. It was one of a series of accidents allegedly involving Allen within a span of four blocks.

Police gave this account: Allen's auto, on Britain avenue, ran into the rear of a car driven by Vashti Richards, 30, of 1155 Golf road, Benton township. She turned onto Pipestone to stop for the accident, and the other car did likewise, hitting the rear of her

vehicle again.

Allen's car then allegedly speeded southbound on Pipestone, passing other cars, and reaching speeds of 60-70 m.p.h., according to witnesses.

Near Ike's Pride service station, 740 Pipestone, the car went out of control and slid onto the west sidewalk, running over the boy.

The car continued on, hitting

a parked car, running into two poles at the station, sliding into a fire hydrant, and finally smashing into the Medical Science building at 756 Pipestone.

Officers indicated a companion of Timothy's, Elliott Mitchell, was walking with the boy, but was not injured.

Road conditions at the time were snowy and icy, according to police.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### State's Tourist Industry Minus A Leader

Next to the production of automobiles and automotive parts, and farming, tourism is Michigan's largest cash crop. Recognizing the value in this fact, the legislature some years ago created the Michigan Tourist Council as a government supported booster for a private industry.

The state pays the Council's operating expense and gives it an annual appropriation to supplement the advertising budgets of the four regional tourist associations which serve in a Chamber of Commerce capacity to the motels, restaurants, ski lodges, summer resorts and other facilities within their boundaries.

By law the Council consists of the secretary-managers of the four regional associations and five other members appointed by the Governor from a list recommended by the regional associations.

The working staff consists of a director and his office help. They are under Civil Service.

The basic function of any governmental tourist office is the two-fold purpose of inducing local residents to spend their vacation money within the confines of the state and to lure as many nonresidents to migrate to the state as possible.

Assuming a state has some natural attractions to begin with, the tourist office has two weapons to hit its target: judicious placement of its advertising dollar, and pressuring the local operators into making their accommodations attractive and within pocketbook reach of their customers.

This calls for a skilled operative in the personage of the director and his staff. He has to be the idea man and possessed of the energy and diplomacy to get his ideas across, first to his bosses and more then importantly to the customer.

A year ago the Michigan Council hired Philip Brady away from an eight-year stint as promotion director for the Greater New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission to be its new director.

The 35-year-old Brady is still resided in Lansing but not in his office.

Under fire from the Council, he submitted his resignation and has already cleaned out his desk.

Because the Council does not conduct its affairs with any semblance of the openness which characterizes a local meeting of the city hall or even the school board and since Brady declines to talk about the affair, the reasons for the gap require a certain amount of guessing.

In its Sunday edition The Detroit News reports the conflict was a dispute on who knows what is best for Michigan tourism, the man with a good track record at New Orleans or the indigenous Council members.

This is not an uncommon breach in management affairs. The line between policy directives and policy execution has a way of crossing its footsteps rather than serving as a demarcation zone.

The Council's makeup, however, suggests that it might stand some reconstituting.

The News indicates at least two of Brady's predecessors had trouble with their staffs because of the latter being under Civil Service and consequently somewhat immune to the director's orders.

The director also being under Civil Service can create the same resistance to the Council members.

The limited field from which the Council members can be drawn is open to question.

Technically, the legislature created a state of experts to uplift all others in their chosen endeavor. Quite possibly the Council needs more outsiders, for example, some tourists themselves, to indicate what direction the Michigan tourist facility should take.

This is important by way of luring the outside dollar into Michigan.

There is a growing competition among the other states, some of which never thought of themselves as tourist attractions, for the nonresident dollar.

Some new blood in the Council and operating procedures more responsive than are obtainable from Civil Service blanketing are in order.

### Resurgent Midwives

To most people the term midwife conjures up an image of a water boiling granny who disappeared along with the American frontier. With the nationwide and worldwide doctor shortage at an all time high, midwifery is now staging a spectacular comeback. The International Confederation of Midwives, which represents 100,000 midwives from 40 countries, held its 50th anniversary congress on October 28 in Washington.

Today's highly trained midwives all of whom are registered nurses with clinical experience in pregnancy and childbirth bear little resemblance to the ignorant crone of folklore. The nurse-midwife is part of a growing army of paramedics who are relieving the burdens of over-worked physicians.

The first school of nurse-midwifery was started in 1931 by the Maternity Center Association in New York City. Today, training is offered at 10 medical colleges and nursing schools across the country. According to the American College of Nurse-Midwives, there are 1,200 American trained nurse-midwives now practicing in the United States, compared with fewer than 500 in 1962. Colorado is the only state that bans nurse-midwives from practicing.

Both the medical profession and the public have been slow to accept midwives. Not until last year did the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology officially recognize the profession. Many midwives report that they still encounter hostility from the doctors with whom they work. Yet the need for midwives is great. At present, almost 15 per cent of all residency positions for obstetrician-gynecologists are unfilled and more than one-third of the residents on duty are graduates of foreign universities.

Increasing the use of midwives might well reduce the American infant mortality rate, which was higher than those of 14 other countries in 1970. "In every country where the infant mortality rate is less than ours," says Doris Haire, co-president of the International Childbirth Education Association, "it's the nurse-midwife who gives the predominant maternity care." Sweden, where the use of midwives is routine, has the lowest infant and maternal death rate in the world.

At most hospitals, midwives are assigned only to women expected to deliver without complications. Women with such potentially dangerous conditions as diabetes or heart disease, and those expecting twins or breech deliveries, generally are placed in the care of an obstetrician. But nurse-midwives do more than just deliver babies. Much of their time is devoted to prenatal and post-natal care, and many offer their patients family planning advice.

Nurse-midwives have traditionally served poor and minority group women, but there are indications that a growing number of middle-class women are becoming interested in midwife care. Today's more liberated woman prefers the personal attention she receives from a midwife to the impersonal care she often gets from the busy, rather patriarchal obstetrician.

In the same breath that women are demanding control of their own bodies, "they now demand control of their own pregnancies," writes Natalie Gittelson.

### Sudden Change



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### SUBURBS PAY WATER SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR — 1 Year Ago —

The first year of water service in St. Joseph and Lincoln townships produced sales of \$69,569.09 — enough to pay St. Joseph \$50,000 and return \$17,141.18 to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment Authority.

The results of the first year operations were reported last night as representatives of St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and Shoreham and Stevensville, who make up the authority, met in the St. Joseph township hall.

#### MORE SNOW COMING — 10 Years Ago —

With the inland areas of southwestern Michigan away from Lake Michigan almost immobilized this morning by 12 to 18 inches of new snow, the area close along the lake was braced against the forecast of locally heavy snow showers during the day today.

Western Berrien county, most of Van Buren and virtually all of Cass county were hit by a heavy snowfall yesterday afternoon and night. The I-94 expressway was closed for nearly six hours during the night in the Paw Paw area, and

hundreds of motorists were stranded in that village overnight.

#### GOOD FELLOWS LAUNCHED WITH \$218 — 29 Years Ago —

Here we go, Good Fellows, with your 1943 Christmas Fund.

The fund is off to a flying start with \$218.50 already turned in by a dozen contributors.

With local war plants clamoring for workers and unemployment at a low point, it was thought by some Good Fellows that the fund might not be needed this year. The start was delayed to permit a checkup. Capt. F. A. Corliss of the Salvation Army said "The need is almost as great as ever: we can assure you of that." And other social welfare agencies supported his statement.

#### BRIDGE GAME — 39 Years Ago —

Miss Kathryn Nichols of South State street entertained her bridge club, awards going to Mrs. LaVern Spear and Miss Elinor Rohl. The holiday-time club hostess will be Miss Doris Gross.

#### CAREER ENDS — 49 Years Ago —

"Bill" Bischoff's athletic career at the St. Joseph high school has ended. The maize and blue three-sport man will become ineligible after Feb. 1, and rather than play until that date and then disrupt Coach Hank Howe's basketball outfit, he decided to hang up his sport togs today. The local school will miss the services of Bischoff.

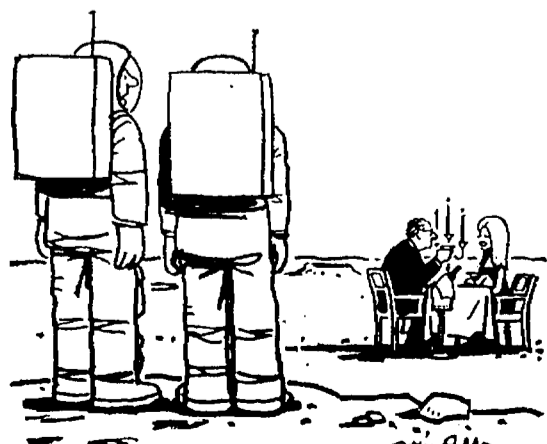
#### CAN BE DANGEROUS — 59 Years Ago —

In Lansing, Attorney General Fellows says that minors who smoke cigarettes in public, alleys, parks or highways are liable to arrest.

#### RETURN HOME — 81 Years Ago —

John Higman and wife have returned from Chicago.

#### BERRY'S WORLD



### Bruce Bioassat

### He's One Of The Better Good Guys



WASHINGTON (NEA) — I would like to celebrate today a man named Walter Smith. The nation has not heard of him, but if there were far more like him it would be a better place. Smith drives a small "shuttle" bus on daily runs between the Washington headquarters of the department of Health, Education and Welfare and the giant national complex of the Social Security Administration on the outskirts of Baltimore.

I've known him for only a dozen days, but that was long enough for me to judge him. On each of those days, we talked continuously for almost an hour.

First off, Smith is superb at his job. He drives with real skill and concentration, even as he is talking vigorously. He takes pride in his work, though threading one's way through the thick maze of Washington-Baltimore open road traffic does not offer many peaks of excitement.

Smith's runs are scheduled. He tries hard never to be late. And he won't depart ahead of time, either, for he reasons that people marked down for a 9:30 shuttle should not find that it left at say 9:27. He resists pressure from passengers who urge him to dash off early.

So, in an era when millions are complaining about the boredom and lack of challenge in their work, at desk and factory and elsewhere, Walter Smith is performing his routine but not undemanding tasks with a high sense of responsibility and skill.

He could complain that he has no "real role" in this

society. But he doesn't. The fact is that by his attitude and his performance he has given himself a role.

This doesn't mean he has no gripes or is a meek fellow content to stay in a comfortable "slot" and go nowhere. (Actually he'd like to drive a transcontinental bus, but he says the lines wouldn't take him because he's 47. If so, they don't know what they're missing.)

What comes through from Smith, aside from his enormous dependability, is strength—of will, of discipline, of character, of interest in the world and its people.

In our long talks, he struck me most of all as a man who wants to understand, appreciate and help people. He looks at them with great care for their individuality. He measures them fairly.

He is black, but we never got around to discussing the problems of blacks as a group. I had no feeling he was holding back because I am white, since Walter Smith is not shy about expressing himself.

There just seemed to be no barriers between us. From the outset, we talked of a wide range of things—attitudes toward work, how one builds self-confidence, how to develop and sustain zest in life, what it can mean to grow old and die with dignity and grace.

In a world immersed in problems, he is a man of hope, of positive outlook. I never knew what might come up. One day we talked the whole time about illness, and what makes a good doctor.

### Jeffrey Hart

### Nixon Hallmark: Careful Planning



We have had a great deal of speculation about the reorganization plans now in the works at Camp David, but, unfortunately, only the haziest attempts to consider them in the context of the last four years. "More of the same" is not very revealing unless you know what "the same" actually was.

Republican Presidents are assumed as a matter of course to be more passive domestically than Democratic ones, but the special hallmark of the Nixon Administration has been its long-range and rational — if unspectacular — policy planning.

Information about the bureaucracy is not the most exciting thing in the world. But when you grasp the whole design it is both coherent and impressive. Consider:

1. The Nixon Administration initiated five-year projections of Federal finances, outlining in the Budget and Economic Report its estimate of revenue

and the demands upon it. This is obviously a precondition of rational planning. Administration projections envision little, if any, uncommitted funds before fiscal 1975 — but foresee then a \$22 billion nest-egg. Present planning, therefore, will go forward with that relatively modest, but realistic sum in mind, and this will set discernible limits on options in health programs, environmental initiatives, and so on.

2. In its first term, the Nixon Administration greatly rationalized the administrative structure of the Executive Branch. Budget and central management functions were linked in an enlarged Budget Bureau called the Office of Management and Budget. The White House Staff was organized into functional "councils" — a Domestic Policy Council, a Council on International and Economic Policy complemented the existing National Security Council and the Council of Economic Advisors. Though Congress ignored the Nixon proposal to consolidate Cabinet departments along similar functional lines, it is a simple inference now that Nixon plans to further this process insofar as he is able.

3. Though all of this might appear to centralize greater power in the White House, a counter-thrust was present throughout the first term. This was the meaning of Nixon's plan for revenue sharing with the states and cities and the Administration's move toward broader grants in contrast to the narrower categorical ones. Local options were to be increased. Thus, though long-range planning may indeed become more centralized, it does not follow that operational power will also be centralized.

4. It seems a good bet that high on the agenda of the revamped domestic policy organs will be the scrapping of those Great Society programs that have been expensive failures.

This long-range, careful approach has been the stylistic hallmark elsewhere as well.

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## BH's \$199,524 Slice Of Revenue Pie Is Received

The City of Benton Harbor received its first slice of the federal revenue sharing pie Monday in the form of a check for \$199,524.

The city commission, which will determine how to spend the money, limited action to naming Farmers & Merchants National bank as the depository.

"No priorities have been set" for use of the money, said Mayor Charles F. Joseph. He

said commissioners have talked informally, but now must get to business on where the money will go.

Announcement of the check's arrival was made by City Manager Don Stewart, who said the \$199,524 is for the first six months of this year. Stewart said a like amount is expected for the last six month period, but won't arrive until the first of next year. The check was made out to the city's director

of finance. Under the federal revenue sharing act, local units of government may use their checks in many ways: capital improvements, to lower taxes, library and public safety, to name a few. The idea behind federal revenue is termed a flow of authority from federal to local units of government. The amount received by each unit is based on a formula combining population and local taxation effort.

The commission in unrelated areas Monday approved resolutions dealing with the federal government on flood control insurance and on loans for the new Edwards Park neighborhood development program.

Resolutions on the federal flood water insurance act establish the city's eligibility to participate in the program, and application by the city for federal subsidies on the insurance.

Stewart said individual home owners will be able to take out flood insurance at a nominal cost, because of government underwriting of policies. Before, the cost was extremely high, Stewart noted. Stewart said three city property owners had asked for city participation. They were not named.

Benton Harbor is considered an eligible location for flood insurance subsidies, because of the St. Joseph river, and high water level of Lake Michigan. Stewart said federal participation was approved by Congress in the wake of this year's floods in South Dakota and over several Eastern states.

The Edwards Park resolution enables the city to borrow from time to time against the late arrival of federal grant checks to finance various projects. Hearing from Harold Hampton, 18, of 137 Nowlen, president of People for Peace youth group, the commission formed a special committee to help the group secure office space. Named were Commissioners Daniel Chapman, Carl Brown and Charles Yarbrough. Hampton said the group now has 150 to 175 members and is growing rapidly. Formed last month to help combat crime and drugs, the group meets at Seely McCord school for recreational activities each Monday and Thursday. Members finance the building rental.

The commission also: Voted to take bids to demolish substandard houses at 290 Second street and 879 Warwick Terrace, following public hearings during which no one involved spoke.

Adopted a resolution approving removal by the Michigan State Highway department of traffic lights on Main at Fourth street and at Ninth street. The state has agreed to turn the equipment over to the city for use elsewhere, for salvage costs. The state earlier asked that these lights be removed to improve traffic flow on Main street, a state trunkline.



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resignation to the mayor, voiced deep regret, and willingness to help solve varied problems wherever possible. He also stated: "...But, there's a point in life whereby a man has responsibilities; one is to provide some of the needs for his family. At this time, I have to make a decision to provide larger living quarters for my family. This is the ONLY reason that I am turning in my resignation."

## Longtime Pals Come To Aid Of H-P Fund

Saved by the chairman's gavel.

The Herald-Press Good Fellow fund received \$10 today when two of our long-standing organizations sent in their checks.

This is the big week before the newsie sale and there was considerable concern in the bookkeeping department when the usual flood of Good Fellow mail was reduced to two letters.

But when you consider that these gifts were unsolicited, that no one called to remind them of the Good Fellow need, that there was no pressure put

on in any way, then you realize how strong the Good Fellow movement actually is and that its real strength is in its faithful contributors.

First there was a check from St. Rita's circle No. 487, Daughters of Isabella.

Then came \$5 from Fruit Belt chapter No. 292, Order of Ahepa.

Both of these organizations do a lot of charity work as a normal course of their club operations, so when they include the Good Fellows in their voluntary gifts it helps spread the Christmas cheer.

There is still concern in the Good Fellow accounting department. Today's total of \$1,196.76 is \$388 behind last year's pace. We have \$2,303.24 to go to reach the \$3,500 goal.

While the Herald-Press Newsies—including the St. Joseph and Bridgman Lions and members of Alpha Phi Omega and Sigma Delta, Lake Michigan college Greek letter service organizations—welcome the challenge, it's important to build as big a nest egg as possible before the sale.



FROM SNOW TO SAND: Albert Ferzil (left) and Ibrahim Dib (seated) who own and operate a sporting goods business in Beirut, Lebanon, were in the Twin Cities area last week and purchased 32 all-weather trail bike-kits from Heald, Inc., US-33 North. The two men will assemble the bikes and sell them throughout Lebanon. Don G. Rupley, (right) vice

president marketing and engineering of Heald said the firm now has four different types of off-the-road bikes available in kit form, including the new three-wheeled vehicle seen in the above photo. The company also has snowmobile trailer kits for sale. (Staff photo)

## \$90,000 For Gard School Property

# SJ Board Receives Offer

St. Joseph Board of Education Monday received an offer of \$90,000 for Gard school property, 1659 Hilltop road, from Dan Pjesky, of Fairplain, for "commercial" development.

The board, meeting at Washington school, took no action on the request, but scheduled discussion at its Jan. 8 meeting. Pjesky's letter arrived Monday, too late for administrators to research his offer and include it on the agenda.

Pjesky, a former real estate salesman, wrote the board he has a commercial development in mind that requires his property to the north to be linked with the Bard school property. He did not specify the proposal but said it was not a housing development, that it would mean a substantial increase in the tax base and it would provide numerous job opportunities.

The Gard property including school building and lot is about 108,000 square feet or more than two acres. The board of education in the past has indicated the property is for sale on an "if the price is

right" basis. A few years ago the school district sold the corner lot to the First Federal Savings and Loan association of Niles for \$50,000. The firm built a branch office on the site that fronts on both Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue.

In other matters: The board accepted the resignation of Ralph Siewert, 47, of 1820 Briar Cliff drive, a sixth grade teacher at Jefferson school.

Siewert was on leave of absence, then placed on suspension after his arrest in October on a charge of taking indecent liberties with a 15-year-old boy. The criminal charge was dismissed last month by District Judge Harry Laity who noted discrepancies in accounts by the complaining witness.

Other charges filed by Ziehmer were placed before the board Nov. 20 and Siewert was continued on suspension.

Siewert's letter of resignation to Ziehmer said: "Regardless the outcome on the charges placed against me, which I categorically deny, I have concluded my effectiveness as a teacher is hopelessly compromised and it would not be in the best interest of my family, the school or the community to require this hearing."

"Accordingly, on the condition my salary be paid me thru December 1972, I herewith tender my resignation as elementary teacher."

Ziehmer reported a letter had been received from

Siewert waiving his right to a hearing under the State Teacher Tenure act and tendering his resignation. It was Ziehmer's recommendation the board accept this resignation. The entire action took 30 seconds.

Ziehmer told the board Attorney Myron Wolcott is preparing a report on the feasibility of appealing a circuit court decision upholding the educational status of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

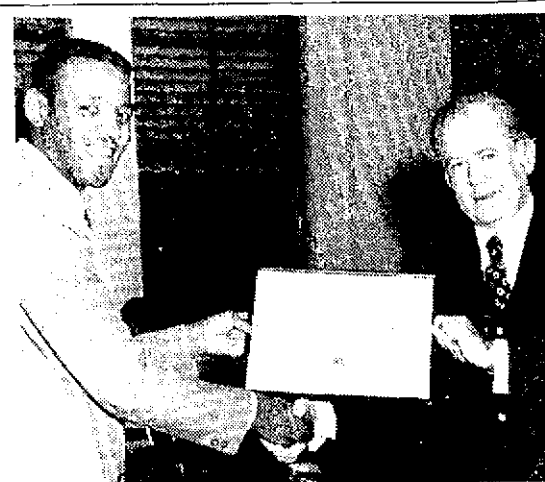
The organization which moved from rented quarters in St. Joseph to its own building at 2950 Niles road, had appealed decision by St. Joseph township to levy a property tax. The school board as one of the beneficiaries had joined the township in the case.

The board approved raising a mileage reimbursement for

school employees using their personal car for school business from 10 cents to 12 cents per mile, effective Jan. 1.

The board approved spending approximately \$7,500 to correct heating deficiencies in Washington school. Some of the rooms are too hot, others too cold, and the building, oldest in the school system, has general poor circulation, Business Manager Dennis Percy, reported.

A report by Percy, showing the operating costs of all schools, indicates Washington school has the lowest heat and lighting cost. The report, covering the past two years, will be turned over to the Advisory Council for special study. The advisory council investigates various school rehabilitation projects to be financed by a six-tenths of a mill building and site tax.



BH HONORS MERCY: Robert Willemin (right), chairman of Mercy hospital board of trustees, receives from Benton Harbor Mayor Charles Joseph a framed certificate, praising hospital for forthcoming entry into open heart surgery. Resolution, adopted by city commission, was presented Monday. (Staff photo)

## Postmasters Issue Mailing Reminder, Give Tips On Wrapping Packages

Twin City Postmasters William Miller of Benton Harbor and Robert McMullen of St. Joseph, have reminded that Friday is the deadline for mailing surface holiday greetings within the United States, and Thursday, Dec. 21, is the deadline for posting all domestic air mail greetings.

The deadlines are based on U.S. Postal Service projections that a holiday volume of nine billion pieces of mail will be delivered this year.

The local postmasters offered some tips on package wrapping procedures.

Fragile articles must be individually cushioned, and all four sides of the container should be padded. The container should be marked, "fragile," while packages of food products that might spoil should be marked, "perishable."

The complete address in large, legible letters should be on the front, only, while the return address also should be included. Both should include ZIP codes. Postal officials ask also that a slip with name and address of the person the package is going to be placed inside the package. This is added protection against possible loss of outer wrapper, or obliteration of outside lettering.

Among other tips offered: Sealing tape should be durable and cover all flaps; outer wrapping paper should equal grocery bag stock in durability; strong twine, not string, should be used and well knotted at intersecting points of container; and cardboard containers, larger than the gift, should be cut down to the size of the gift to minimize shaking and breakage.

## Illinois Hospital Patient Gives To N-P Good Fellows

Hospital patients may have enough misfortune of their own so that it is difficult to think of others at Christmastime.

But not James (Vic) Green, a patient at Hines, Ill., Veterans hospital. Vic has joined the ranks of Good Fellows again with a \$5 contribution mailed to Good Fellow headquarters at The News-Palladium.

Vic writes: "Please give this \$5 to Santa for the Good Fellows fund to help give good cheer to others on Christmas."

Anyone wishing to send season's greeting to Vic can reach him at Hines V. A. Hospital, Ward G - 256; Hines, Ill. 60341.

Helped along by Vic's gift, the Good Fellow fund moved up to \$1,526.22 today. Bill Schumacher's Construction Company built a strong link with Santa Claus by sending \$25.

The good ladies of Benton Harbor Chapter 905 Women of the Moose gave \$10; and there was \$5 from Fruit Belt Chapter

No. 292 Order of Ahepa.

This year's Good Fellow endeavor is aimed to benefit the elderly, needy children and help the Berrien Drug treatment center in its battle against narcotics abuse.

Friday is the big day that will determine if Good Fellows succeed again. Benton Harbor Exchange club members will be hawking special editions of The News-Palladium with all proceeds going to the Good Fellow fund.

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## Property Tax Rate Won't Rise

# Bridgman Approves Swimming Pool Funds

BRIDGMAN — A \$750,000 bond issue to finance addition of a swimming pool and some site work at the new Bridgman high school was approved by school district voters yesterday. The vote was 366 in favor to 169 against, according to school officials. The school, costing \$3.6 million, was opened in September.

Adoption amounted to a painless exercise for district taxpayers in view of the district's financial situation.

Property value next year is expected to jump high enough to offset the need to raise property taxes to meet the bond

issue's repayment requirements.

The value boost is expected from completion of more of the massive, \$400 million Donald C. Cook nuclear power plant, located within the district. Added value of the plant, this year, boosted the district's valuation by about \$30 million.

Property taxes are determined by a millage rate being applied against the property value figure. As large amounts are added to the property value factor because of the plant, the millage rate has been dropping within the district.

This year's rate is 22.026, lowest among high school

districts in the area. Board members this year allowed a four-mill levy, previously used in financing general operations, to expire in view of the income boost through the property value route.

Schools Supt. Dr. David Lechner, on behalf of the school board, expressed appreciation for the confidence expressed by the voters. He said the pool "should aid in health, safety, welfare and recreational benefits for all citizens of the public school system."

The turnout of 535 voters amounted to about one third of the district's eligible voters.

Construction on the pool is to start in May and is to be done by the following May. The 95 by 123 foot pool is to be housed in a building separate from the high school but connected to it. It is to include saunas in addition to showers, locker rooms and other auxiliary areas.

Lechner has said the pool is to be opened for adult use during non-school hours.

According to the school, the pool project is to cost \$675,000 while the balance of the bond issue is to be used to cover site improvements at the school.

## Allegan Man Drowns As Ice Breaks

BANGOR — An Allegan man drowned in the chilly waters of secluded Allen lake near here yesterday despite rescue efforts.

Van Buren sheriff's deputies said one rescuer, Bangor Fire Chief Duane Goss, went into the water when ice gave way, dumping him and the victim and a ladder back into the freezing waters.

The victim was identified as Emmett Boohar, 54, of Allegan. His body was recovered at 5:10 p.m.

According to deputies, he reportedly fell into the water when ice gave way. He and a companion, Fred Forester, 75, route 1, Allegan, had been ice fishing, deputies said.

The sheriff's department said Forester threw a rope to Boohar to keep him above the water while other fishermen went for help.

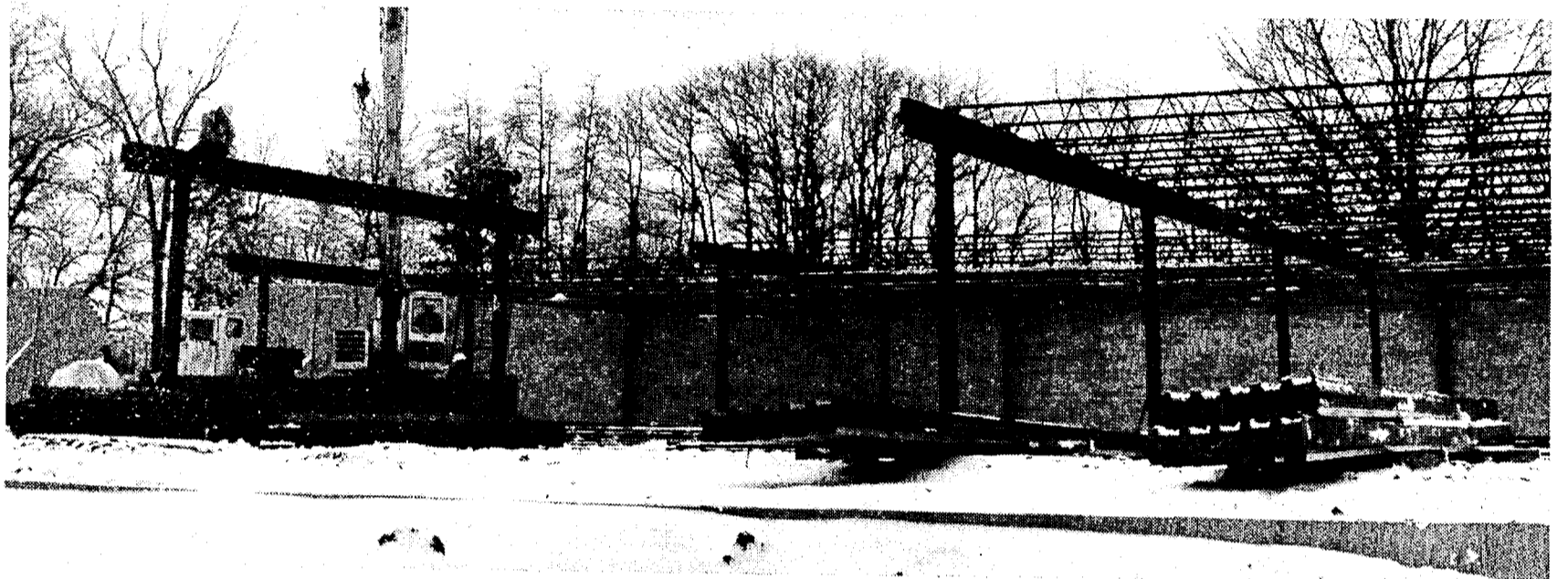
When deputies arrived, they found Boohar in water up to his shoulders. They said the ice around him creaked and oozed when deputies attempted to walk toward him some 75-100 feet offshore.

Goss, who came with other firemen and equipment, slid a ladder across the ice and crawled on it toward Boohar.

As Goss crawled on the ladder trying to assist Boohar onto the ladder the ice gave way under the combined weight and Boohar and Goss both plunged into the water.

Boohar's body was recovered from beneath the ice about five feet away from the ice hole.

Goss was treated for exposure at South Haven Community hospital.



BUCHANAN EXPANSION: A 67,000 square foot expansion program is underway at Buchanan Metalform, a subsidiary of Excel Industries of Elkhart, Ind. When

completed, the building will be used for the firm's manufacturing process of windows and doors for recreational vehicles. It marks the third expansion by

the firm since it was purchased by Excel in 1965. The company's primary product is manufacture of push rods for the automotive industry. (Staff photo)

## Stacey's Stand Wins Support

# Lakeshore Board Against Spying

BY DAVID ANDREWS  
Staff Writer

If there's any "checking" to be done on non-public schools in the Lakeshore school district, it won't be done by Lakeshore school administrators.

The Lakeshore board of education last night supported Supt. Lionel Stacey in his opposition to a state department of education order that local public school administrators investigate deficiencies in non-public schools within their districts.

Report forms, except for those dealing with non-public school attendance which routinely have been handled by the district in the past, will be turned over to the Berrien county intermediate school district and other appropriate state agencies.

Stacey said that he agrees with Dr. John Porter, state superintendent of public instruction, on the compulsory attendance reports required by law.

It's the second section

directing public school administrators to go into non-public schools and make comparisons with public schools and programs that he said he opposes.

The real reason behind the order, Stacey said, is that the state wants to know where the kids have gone. They want to know if a bunch of new, un-certified schools have sprung up in the state.

Stacey's reference was to school census reports showing some districts in the state

which had expected increases in enrollment had declined and the total number of students in the state below projections on which state aid appropriations were made.

Trustee George Schuch capitalized the general feeling of the board, suggesting that it shouldn't be the responsibility of Lakeshore administrators when there are state agencies, such as the fire marshal's division of the state police, to make the required surveys.

There are two non-public

schools within the Lakeshore district — St. Paul's Lutheran school and Christ Lutheran school. Both are fine, up-to-date facilities, Stacey said.

The board also heard reports on the district's adult education program from Dorothy Hildebrand, program director, and on the state educational assessment program from Gloria Vanderbeck, curriculum director.

Although Lakeshore generally ranked high on the state assessment, Mrs. Vanderbeck said that percentile rankings of school districts are misleading. Kids don't score that highly or, conversely with low ranking districts, that low, she said.

Somebody's got to be on top and somebody's got to be on the bottom in the percentile rankings, she said. But scores of all of the kids don't show such a wide spread.

Request by property owners whose lots border the south edge of the former Kull property now owned by the school district to purchase 50 to 100 feet to add to their lots was turned down by the board on the recommendation of Trustee Alice McClelland, who served on a committee with Trustee Bud Totzke studying the request along with projected future uses for land owned by the district.

She recommended that the district sell no property now. The site in question, she said, is projected as a location for an

elementary school in the future and all of the 11.25 acres owned would be needed for that purpose.

The board accepted the low bid of \$4,107 from Ashley Ford Sales, Inc., Benton Harbor, for a one ton utility truck; accepted the bid of Great Lakes Bluebird All-American, Fort Valley, Ga., for two 78-passenger school buses at \$16,299 per unit, and approved the request of Mrs. Hetty Stutzman, second grade teacher at Roosevelt school, to teach one year beyond her normal retirement this June so she can complete the required 10 years of teaching in Michigan to qualify for the Michigan Public School Employees pension.

The school bus bid was the higher of two submitted, but was accepted by the board on the recommendation of William Galbreath, assistant superintendent for business. He recommended the Bluebird buses because of lower maintenance, better longevity and driver preference.

Gersonde Equipment Co., Inc., was the only other bidder, quoting a price of \$14,990 per unit.

## Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Dec. 12 State Police Count  
This year 2,127  
Last year 2,038

## EDWARDSBURG WOMAN

# Death Is Attributed To Smoke Inhalation

EDWARDSBURG — Funeral services for Mrs. Fredrick P. Salman, 45, route 1, Edwarsburg, will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Walley-Mills-Zimmerman funeral home, Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. Salman was found dead on her bed when firemen extinguished a fire in her home at Terrace Shore near Christian Lake, Ontwa township, Saturday night.

Her death was attributed by authorities to smoke inhalation. She was alone in the house at the time of her death.

Damage in the fire was confined to the living room area of the house. Firemen said the fire had smoldered for some time before it was reported.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Ronald Oswald and Terry Oswald, both of Edwarsburg; a daughter, Mrs. Frederick Kidder, of South Bend; grandparents and grandchildren.

Burial will be in Adamsville cemetery.

## Royalton Hires Firm For Sewer Feasibility Study

Barger Engineering of St. Joseph was retained by the Royalton township board last night to study the feasibility of installing sanitary sewers in the northern, most heavily populated area of the township.

The study will start immediately and take about six months to complete, according to Otto Jasper, clerk of the township. It will focus on the area of the township north of Marquette Woods road, he said.

The study will be figured on hookup with the St. Joseph township sewer system, Jasper said. Cost of the study is not to exceed \$6,000.

The board also approved transfer of an SDM license from David Otto, owner of the Hollywood Store, 5909 Hollywood road, to Donald Monte, Hollywood road; appointed Doris Jasper as deputy clerk and Carol Stockman as deputy treasurer and named Lloyd Both, Edward Klug and Robert McCoy to two-year terms on the board of review.

Township officers were given authorization to attend the Michigan Township association convention Jan. 10-11 in Grand Rapids, and Francis Stump, chairman of the Lake Chapin Regional Planning commission, reported that a public meeting to review land use maps and new zoning ordinances will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Youth Memorial building, Berrien Springs.



ADMITTED TO PRACTICE: Two attorneys were admitted to law practice in formal ceremonies in Van Buren circuit court in Paw Paw Monday. Shown with

Judge David. Anderson Jr., center, are John McNeil, left, of Paw Paw, and Owen W. Moon, of Watervliet. (Staff photo)

## Two Lawyers Admitted To Bar

BY STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Two area attorneys were admitted to practice in Michigan in ceremonies in Van Buren circuit court here yesterday.

Admitted to practice were John McNeil, 25, of Paw Paw, and Owen W. Moon, 29, of Watervliet.

The two appeared before Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr.

McNeil is a 1965 military academy graduate and graduated in 1969 from the University of Michigan. He graduated from the National Law Center of George Washington University in Washington D. C. in June of this

year.

He is married and he and his wife Margaret live in Paw Paw. McNeil will be associated with attorney Warren D. Sundstrand of Paw Paw.

Moon is a 1961 graduate of Hartford high school and graduated in 1965 from Western Michigan university.

He graduated this year from

the Notre Dame law school.

He also served for three years as a pilot in Korea and was discharged with the rank of captain.

Moon and his wife Elena live in Watervliet and he will be associated with the legal firm of Gids, Sievers and MacKinder which has offices in Paw Paw, Hartford and Watervliet.

## Woman On Welfare Admits Deception

A Baroda woman arrested Friday and charged with welfare fraud under \$500 pleaded guilty when arraigned Monday in Fifth district court.

Mrs. Agnes Hamilton, in care of the Nitz farm, 7669 Lincoln, had reported to the Department of Social Services that she paid a total of \$70 rent to Jim Nitz during a two month period from June 15 to Aug. 15. According to Jack Struwin, assistant prosecuting attorney for social services, Mrs. Hamilton in fact did not pay rent during the time she specified but was receiving welfare reimbursement for rent she allegedly paid.

Mrs. Hamilton was placed under pre-sentencing investigation by Fifth District Judge Harry Laity and released on \$200 personal recognizance bond. She will be sentenced within 30 days.